

**ABSTRACT**

A package for articles includes a structural insert for supporting a stack of articles, and a flexible outer covering containing the insert and the articles. The insert has a base  
5 and two opposed side walls extending from the base to define a generally U-shaped channel for receiving and supporting the stack of articles. Each side wall of the insert includes at least one cut-out for reducing the mass and bulk of the insert while retaining sufficient strength for stacking the package above and below other such packages.

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